

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 517
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Music City Chorus, the Nashville Chapter for the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America on their 50th Anniversary.

WHEREAS, many can read music and sing a tune, however, few can give the notes warmth, depth and a range of motion, giving the music a life and a mood all its own; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Music City Chorus, the Nashville Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing are gifted singers, who perform with unparalleled enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee is fortunate to have had the privilege of enjoying the Music City Chorus' performances for 50 outstanding years; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1948, the Music City Chorus originally met at Reservoir Park, singing songs reminiscent of the Tin Pan Alley days; and

WHEREAS, the only surviving member of the original "barbershoppers" is Gerald Adams, who joined the Music City Chorus when he was only seventeen years old; fifty years later he still lends his outstanding talents to the group; and

WHEREAS, Gerald Adams and the Music City Chorus can be enjoyed every Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. at Bellevue United Methodist Church; and

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WHEREAS, this outstanding group of gentlemen sings music that is arranged in four part close harmony, acappella style; and

WHEREAS, they also sing various types of music, including Broadway, gospel and country songs; and

WHEREAS, the present officers of the organization include: John Brown, Chapter President; Bob Davenport, Vice President of Chapter Development and Tom Kilpatrick, Vice President of Music and Performance; and

WHEREAS, Nashvillian Charlie McCann served with acumen as the President of the International Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in 1990-1991; and

WHEREAS, the Music City Chorus has performed magnificently at numerous events, including the Cheekwood Trees of Christmas Festival, the Tennessee Walking Horse Celebration and the Annual Show at the Acuff Theater at the Tennessee Performing Arts Center; and

WHEREAS, their laudable performances have earned the Music City Chorus several awards and accolades, including the Dixie District Championship for three years in a row; and

WHEREAS, they have also competed vigorously in several national and international competitions; and

WHEREAS, the city of Nashville will be hosting the International Convention of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singers in 2001; and

WHEREAS, their countless accomplishments aside, the members of the Music City Chorus devote their time and talents helping others; they have raised \$5 million dollars nationally for the Heartspring Institute in Wichita, Kansas, a foundation for children who suffer from speech and hearing problems; and

WHEREAS, it is only fitting that this General Assembly should recognize such a talented group of gifted artists for their great contributions to Barber Shop singing and their exceptional achievements; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate the Music City Chorus, the Nashville Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America on their 50th Anniversary and commend its members for their generous service to the community in providing Tennesseans with 50 years of exceptional music.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.